



THE GROVE GAZETTE

Selinsgrove Area High School Student Newspaper

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Selinsgrove Students Travel To Louisville, Ky

By Nathan Moyer

On October 28, the Selinsgrove FFA is traveling to Louisville, Kentucky to attend the 88th National FFA Convention and Expo.

The four day experience will be filled with leadership opportunities, career exploration, and site-seeing. Senior Kevin Dressler, juniors Michael Huggins, Nathan Moyer, Alyssa Landis, Hannah Ross, Kayla Shaffer, and sophomore John Merroth Jr. will all represent Selinsgrove at the convention.

The theme for this year's convention is "Amplify", encouraging students and members to amplify their leadership to their chapter, school, and community. The FFA National Convention and Expo consists of general sessions hosted by the national FFA officers. Each session has a keynote speaker and often a motivational speaker.

Along with the sessions, students can attend various workshops that focus on leadership, communication, and personal growth. A large career show is also held where students can explore the various career opportunities in whichever aspect of life they wish to pursue. A favorite among students is the FFA shopping mall. Alyssa Landis, who attended last year's convention, says "I'm looking forward to the mall because I can't wait to see what new products the national FFA came out with."

Aside from the convention itself, the Selinsgrove chapter members plan to fill their extra time with sites located around Louisville. Thursday evening, the Pennsylvania FFA is attending a dinner cruise on the *Belle of Louisville*. Kevin Dressler comments "I'm excited for the

dinner cruise. Last year that evening was filled with dancing, laughter, and great food."



The Belle of Louisville, where the students will be attending a dinner cruise on Friday evening

On Friday the 30th, the members will tour the Ford Assembly Plant, learning how Ford Escapes are made step-by-step. After the tour and into the evening, the students will fill their time visiting more sites such as the Kentucky Derby Museum, Louisville Slugger Plant, or the Louisville Zoo. In between all of the site seeing, the students will also dine at some of Louisville's famous restaurants, such as Mark's Feed Store.

Saturday, October 31, the students will head home, but not before attending the eighth general session. Ashley Wetzel, a former Selinsgrove student and FFA member, will be receiving her honorary American Degree. The American FFA Degree is awarded to members who have demonstrated the highest level of commitment to FFA and made significant accomplishments in their supervised agricultural experiences.

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The *Grove Gazette* is a student organized newspaper. If you are interested in working for the *Grove Gazette* as a writer, editor, or photographer, please join us during the first half of lunch on **Wednesday, November 4, 2015** in Room 222 for our next meeting. You can also email Mr. Switala at wswitala@seal-pa.org if you cannot make the meeting.

No Shave November hits the 'grove

Dan Napsha

Put your clippers and razors away -- No Shave November has returned to Selinsgrove.

This November, Selinsgrove High School will participate in No Shave November, sponsored by the National Honor Society, as an attempt to raise awareness of Prostate Cancer and other male health concerns.

The National Honor Society encourages Selinsgrove students take part in the event, but also to ask friends and family members, male and female, to forgo shaving during the month of November. The Honor Society asks for a donation of \$5 for participation, which will go directly to the American Cancer Society.

The student body will then vote on the best beard (or leg hair for the ladies) in the cafeteria at the end of the month. The winners (male and female) will each receive a dozen donuts compliments of Dunkin Donuts.

Last time Selinsgrove participated in "Movember", as the tradition is also called, the school raised more than \$500 for the cause. The National Honor Society President, senior Jonah Markle expressed

that the Society hopes to reach \$700 dollars or more this year by involving as many people as possible throughout the school, and even branching out into the families of students.

Like the programs supporting breast cancer awareness in October, No Shave November aims to raise consciousness and funds for male health issues, primarily Prostate Cancer, but also other male cancers and depression. The tradition is centered on hair because many cancer patients lose their hair during their process.

Prostate Cancer is the second leading cause of death due to cancer in American men, according to the American Cancer Society. The Movember charity foundation, the first of its kind, has since raised millions for their cause. Ultimately, they want to change the face of men's health and eliminate the stigma men face when seeking help for these conditions.

If you are interested in participating in No Shave November, please see a member of the National Honor Society or Mr. Switala in Room 222.



FFA Pumpkin Carving Contest

Dan Napsha

The Selinsgrove chapter of the Future Farmers of America hosted their annual Pumpkin Carving Contest this week to celebrate Halloween.

FFA Advisor, Mrs. Fry, described the tradition, "Its fun for everyone, but we're also helping people. After we're done, the pumpkins will be dis-

played outside the Agriculture Room. Anybody can vote and the winner will receive a prize. You have to pay to vote, and all money raised will go to the Snyder County Needy Families Fund."

Ten students entered the contest and spent their lunch creating pumpkin masterpieces.



The winning entries



Seniors Emily Breheny and Katie Pauling work next to Mrs. Valerie Fry to create pumpkin paradise



Photo by Daniel Napsha

Selinsgrove creativity on display via pumpkin artwork

Need to Get Involved? Look No Further!

By Liz Whitmer

Everyone always tells us that high school is all about meeting people and getting involved; however, many students don't know how to get started.

Luckily for the students at Selinsgrove Area High School, there are many different clubs for them to join. There's something for everyone, giving any type of student the opportunity to have a great high school experience. Find a club or two from the list below and get involved:

The German Club, advised by Mrs. Feidt, tries to meet once a month and around major German holidays. At the meetings, they discuss their events such as having a stand at the Street Fair last month, Trunk-or-Treat at the school this past weekend, or organizing several activities for Foreign Language Week in March.

The Spanish Club, organized by Mrs. Pancher, is planning to have their first meeting on November 3rd to celebrate *El Día de los Muertos*, or Day of the Dead, where there will be food, crafts, and a photo booth. As another celebration of this day, there will be a contest where students can decorate white pumpkins as "calaveras" (aka: human skulls).

The last language-based clubs, the French Club and French Honor Society, both of which are advised by Mrs. Bunting-Specht, are extremely active groups. On the 22nd of this month, the French Club went to *Le Jeune Chef* in Williamsport for an eight course French meal. They also had to decorate pumpkins that related to French culture, also known as *Le Concours de Citrouilles*. As for the French Honor Society, they participated in Trunk-or-Treat on Saturday the 24th, they plan to attend a French immersion day at Susquehanna University on November 13th, and will participate in the Tree Fest at the library in early December.

Mrs. Bunting-Specht is also the advisor of Forensics, which is the speech and debate team. They recently had a debate at Shikellamy High School on October 17th and their next official debate is at William Allen High School in Allentown on November 7th. One of the co-winners of the latest debate, freshman Maegan Bogetti says the debate was "...really intense but really fun and we [she and her freshman co-winner Zach Frey] both learned a lot and improved throughout the day."

Another very involved group, the Future Business Leaders of America has more participants than its ever had with 52 members. They're currently selling miniature schools, bracelets, blankets, and depending on whether the blanket sales are successful or not, scarves and/or hats will be sold in November. All of the money raised from these sales go to either the Ronald McDonald House or scholarship money for their members.

As the holiday season comes closer, the Student Council, overseen by Mr. Edwards, continues to get busier. In December, they'll be setting up an angel tree open to students and faculty to provide 35 gifts for less fortunate children. Also, they'll be planning festive activities to get everyone in the holiday spirit.

Mr. Edwards is also in charge of the Tolerance Troupe, which had freshman auditions this past week with callbacks and auditions for other classes happening this week. The Troupe was recognized by Lewisburg's Judge Sholley for filming a training video for foster care services. Additionally, they are working with another Lewisburg organization that centers on global warming and climate change. Even after his retirement, Mr. Edwards says he'd like to stay involved with the Tolerance Troupe and open it to other schools in the area.

Not only has Mr. Switala been named Pennsylvania's Social Studies Innovative Teacher of the Year, but he's also the advisor of the school newspaper and National Honor Society. NHS will be collecting \$5 donations for No Shave November to raise awareness for prostate cancer. Before and after pictures will be placed on cans in the cafeteria on December 1st, so you can vote for your favorite "fuzzy face" by putting money in the corresponding can, all of which will be donated to the American Cancer Society. National Honor Society also has a tutoring program for any subject. See Mr. Switala for more details.

This week is Red Ribbon Week, a campaign to prevent to use of alcohol, tobacco, other drugs, and violence. SADD (Seals Against Destructive Decisions), advised by Mrs. Robinson-Roush, will be sharing ways to stay safe and drug free. The theme is "respect yourself, be drug free."

Fellowship of Christian Athletes, also known as Bible Club, meets every Day 3 during the second half of lunch in room 102. Local youth leader, Mike Burns, runs the discussion, and all are welcome to attend.



The Key Club, led by Mrs. Hepner, is a community service club that volunteers at the Northumberland Food Pantry the third Saturday of each month and Meals for Seals the third Monday of each month. Additionally, they collect money for Pennies for Patients at each home football and basketball game. They're also involved with Toys for Tots through the US Marines

and deliver socks to the Geisinger Children's Hospital. You can also find them at local nursing homes singing carols and delivering cards during the holiday season.

Future Farmers of America, advised by Mrs. Fry and Mr. Swineford, is planning to have their annual fruit sale beginning this week. Also, the Keystone Wood Products Association generously donated a chainsaw to be used in the Selinsgrove Agriculture Foundations classes.

TSA (Technology Student Association) is preparing for their regional conference on January 30, 2016, at Mifflinburg Area High School, where they'll be competing against seven or more chapters from other high schools. If an individual were to do well at this conference, he or she have the chance to attend the TSA State Leadership Conference at Seven Springs Resort in April.

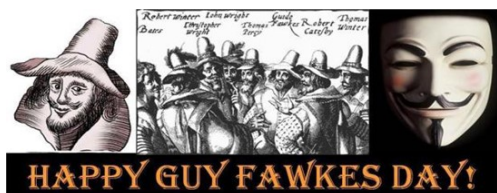
Don't hold back from being involved – put yourself out there to meet new people and try new things!

The Boo Heard 'Round The World

By Nia Thomas

With Halloween just around the corner, the ghouls and ghost are coming out in style. However, not every country celebrates the holiday similarly. Below are some countries and the ways that they celebrate their version of Halloween.

England: The English celebrate Guy Fawkes Day on November 5th, a holiday that originated from the attempted assassination of the British Parliament and king with the scheme entitled as the "Gunpowder Plot" by Guy Fawkes and his Catholic supporters. The holiday is celebrated with burning an effigy of both Guy Fawkes and the Pope. People often compete to build the biggest bonfire with rivals usually stealing from their opponents. The celebration continues with fireworks, a parade, and a party with friends and family.



Ireland: The tradition of Halloween is believed to originate from this country's form of the pagan holiday of "Samhain" now called "All Hollowtide". Now, Ireland celebrates in a similar way to the United States. Children dress up and go trick-or-treating, with the night ending at a party with family and friends. Traditional games are played, which include snap apple, where an apple is suspended from a tree or door frame and players try to take a bite from it. Another game played is a card game where cards are laid down with treats underneath and children win prizes under the card they selected. Tricks are also played where children will play knock-a-dolly, where children knock on the door of a neighbor and run away, similar to America's ding-dong-ditch.



Spain and Latin America: *El Dia De Los Muertos*, translated to The Day of The Dead, is a three day festival that celebrates lost ancestors returning to the Earth. The celebration begins on October 31st and ends on November 2nd. A key part of the holiday is creating an altar at home that has candy, flowers, photographs, fresh water, and the ancestor's favorite food and drinks. Candles and incense are burned to guide spirits home. The graves of the ancestors are also tidied up and decorated. On the last day, friends and family gather around the graveside and remember lost ancestors, which is then followed by a party.



Cambodia: Due to the influence of Buddhism in the nation, the holiday of "Pak Chen" is celebrated (a fifteen-day event that falls in the tenth month of the lunar calendar). For the first fourteen days, every morning offerings are given to the local pagoda and the monks who live there, along with prayers for their ancestors. On the fifteenth day, sweet sticky rice and bean treats are wrapped in banana leaves and are given to temples on *P'chum Ben*, the Festival of the Dead, which is the ending of Pak Chen. Additionally, people dress in their best clothes, gather with friends and family, and listen to speeches given by local religious figures.



Before you head out on Saturday to trick-or-treat, realize that Americans are not the only citizens who enjoy celebrating a little creepy fun in the fall.



Come to Improv/Drama Night!

Where: Selinsgrove Library

When: 7-8 pm Every Tuesday



All are welcome to Improv/Drama night, come if you want to experience some spontaneity and fun!

It is an hour of Improvisation and On-the-Spot Acting. No previous experience needed, just a willingness to have fun and act crazy!

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The Cycle of Mass Shootings

By: Savanna Foor

Throughout 2015, we have seen almost as many mass shootings as we have days, whose impacts have spread tremendously.

Quickly approaching is the one year anniversary of the capture of Eric Frein, who ruthlessly shot and killed Corporal Brian K. Dickson, while injuring Trooper Alex Douglas.

The infamous December 2012 shooting in Newtown, Connecticut opened our generations' eyes to the problem of gun violence, but the Eric Frein case struck people even more, due to the fact that Selinsgrove's police officers were ordered to join the manhunt last year. There have been 10,000 people killed, and 20,000 wounded this year in mass shootings, according to Washington Post. Below are some of the largest mass shootings that have taken place in 2015:

Waco, Texas—Members of motorcycle groups came into conflict over parking spots, which lead to gunshots being exchanged. This ultimately led to nine people dead and 18 injured on May 17, 2015.

Charleston, South Carolina—21 year old, Dylan Roof, shot and killed nine worshippers, leaving one victim injured, as they attended a prayer session at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church. Dylan Roof was not supposed to have been allowed to purchase a gun due to mental health history, but there was a glitch in the background check system which allowed him to get one. During the entire rampage, Roof made harsh racial comments as stated by the only survivor.

Roseburg, Oregon—25 year old, Christopher Mercer, opened fire at

Umpqua Community College. He killed ten and injured nine. Mercer was later described by those who knew him as a hateful man, with links to white supremacy and atheism. He also suffered from Asperger syndrome.

These are just a few of the many mass shootings that have taken place recently. The majority of the shooters have been linked to mental health issues, depression, or white supremacy.



Family members mourn with their loved ones outside of Emanuel Episcopal Methodist Church in South Carolina

Each state has their own individual requirements to handle a gun, with some more strict than others. Since the Newtown shootings, the issue of gun violence has gotten the attention of those on Capitol Hill much more.

One of the biggest issues debated by the presidential candidates has been gun violence. This offers another thing for Americans to consider when deciding which candidate to stand behind.

With the Election Day approaching quickly, the nation's leaders are using these harsh examples as the rationale to increase the awareness of the problem with guns and those who use them for violence. The debate will continue to play out over the coming months.

To learn more about Gun Laws in Pennsylvania, try these sites:

- <https://www.nraila.org/gun-laws/state-gun-laws/pennsylvania>
- <http://blogs.wsj.com/numbers/map-where-is-open-carry-legal-1715>
- <http://smartgunlaws.org/pennsylvania-state-law-summary>

Grove Gazette Photography Contest

Lindsey Trusal

The *Grove Gazette* is holding its very first photography contest!

In each issue, we are inviting the student body to submit photographs to the *Grove Gazette* based on a theme. The winning photographer will have their photo highlighted in the *Grove Gazette* and the winning photographer will be interviewed in that edition of the paper.

The theme for the next issue will be “Thanksgiving” **You must submit your themed picture by November 18th at the latest.**

The winning photographer will be asked a few questions by a member of the

photography staff to form a short description to be placed next to their winning photo. In creating your photo, take any aspect of Thanksgiving you wish to focus on and use your creative imagination to bring that aspect to life.

An example of an acceptable photo to submit is pictured below. **To enter, submit your photo and name to Mr. Switala at wswitala@seal-pa.org** and the photography staff will vote on which photo is the winner.

Be sure to put “Grove Gazette Photography Contest” in the subject line of your email.



An example of one type of photograph that may be submitted for the Photography Contest



Congratulations to the Selinsgrove Area High School 2015 Scholastic Scrimmage Team!

This year's team made it all the way to the CSIU Championship match at the WVIA Scholastic Scrimmage (Jeopardy for High School students), the furthest any Selinsgrove team has ever gone. The team defeated the returning champions, Milton in the quarter-finals and Southern Columbia in the semi-finals before falling to Berwick in a close match. The entire contest will be broadcast on WVIA starting in February. The team included: Zac Lentz, Sydney Reibschied, Grace O'Malley, Daniel Napsha, Luke Beaver, and James Baney.

Market Street Festival Retrospective

Montage of School Sponsored Stands



SPORTS

Senior Class Leads Seals to 8-0 start

By Angelo Martin

The Selinsgrove Seals football team is 8-0 and PHAC champs for the first time since 2009.

After starting 3-0, the Seals would go on to beat Shamokin 52-7 during the 4th week of the season. Senior sensation Juvon Batts carried the ball 9 times for 268 yards and 3 touchdowns.



Photo by Keirra Stahl

Sophomore quarterback, Logan Leiby scrambles for a play that results in a "Seals...First Down!"

In week five, the Seals would trail Berwick 14-10 for most of the game. With 3 minutes to go, quarterback Logan Leiby would lead the Seals down the field where Batts would punch it in from the 3-yard line with 42 seconds to go. The Seals would win 17-14.

The following week, the Seals would go up against Mifflinburg and win 52-26. Much like Shamokin, the Seals

would pull ahead early. Senior linebacker David Klinger led the Seals with 10 tackles.

The Seals biggest win of the season would come against Montoursville in week seven. Down 24-16 with four minutes left, the Seals would go on a drive that ended with a Juvon Batts score and two-point conversation to tie the game 24-24. In overtime, the Seals defense would hold Montoursville without a score. Selinsgrove's offense would get the ball and score on their first play: a touchdown by none other than - Juvon Batts.

In week eight, Selinsgrove would capture the PHAC title in a 42-10 victory over Jersey Shore. The turning point in the game came when senior linebacker Austin Burkholder picked off a Jersey Shore pass and returned it for the score. From there, the Seals would score 21 points in 8 minutes.

"As the play developed, I noticed it was similar to a play our scout team ran in practice. Thinking it was going to the tight end, I jumped the route. Luckily, that's where they went and I was able to score," said Burkholder.

With two games left in the regular season, the Seals are poised for a run in the state playoffs. They will be back at home against Southern on November 6th.

Seals Golf Hoists Gold Yet Again

David Klinger

Senior leaders Aaron Zechman and Logan Sears stepped up all season as the Selinsgrove Golf team clinched gold again in their post-season run at the District IV championship match.

The high school Golf District Championship is set up differently than most other sports. It is a two day competition where the teams' performances are scored on the first day and the individual performances are scored on the second.

The first day of Districts went well for the Seals. Team captain Sears shot an 87 on the course, followed by Zechman with an 89, junior Kyle Mertz hit a 90, and sophomore Roman Reeder scored a 96, making the total team score 362. This score was more than low enough to put the Seals at the top of the scoreboard, outscoring the second place team by 20, allowing them to take first place for the third year in a row.

Zechman, ecstatic after the win, said, "This is the way I wanted to finish out my senior year. It feels amazing to win another one with my boys." The season wasn't over yet, as the individual and regional competitions were set for the next day.

The Seals dominated the leaderboard during the individual district competition. Sears shot an 86, Mertz shot an 87, Zechman shot an 88, and Reeder shot an 89, all finishing 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th respectively.

These combined performances advanced the team to the regional competition, where they faced the toughest competition they had seen all year.

The team performed very well under the pressure with Zechman leading the team with a low score of 84, Sears with an 88, and Mertz and Reeder shot in the 90s. The team finished second overall, missing the gold by only nine points.

The team will be chasing a four-peat District IV championship next year led by returners Mertz and Reeder.



Photo by Michelle Sears

The golf team is all smiles after earning their District Trophy

Field Hockey Looks for 11th Straight District Title

By Sam Rodkey

After finishing the regular season with a record of 15-2, Selinsgrove has all the pieces in play to complete the 11-peat: their 11th straight District IV title.

A variety of players have stepped up all season long and contributed to the continued legacy of Selinsgrove field hockey. Senior Lexi Horst continues to



Senior Tesa Hoffman passes against Danville

impress as she leads the team from the offensive standpoint with 16 goals on the season. Other key contributors on offense include juniors Megan Keeney, Megan Kahn, Savannah Bucher, and senior cap-

tain Tesa Hoffman. On the defensive end, seniors Lindsey Trusal and Keely Roldarmel continue play solid in the defensive half for the Seals. In 17 games, the Seals have only give up 9 goals.

The Seals road to a District IV title will not be easy, as they will be forced to avenge their 1-0 loss against arch-rival Lewisburg. It was the first time Selinsgrove lost to Lewisburg since 2008. The Seals outshot Lewisburg 14-1 and on corners 13-4. The only missing element was putting the ball in the back of the net. Lewisburg's Cassie Sumfest was able to score the lone goal of the game on a penalty stroke. Luckily for the Seals, they will get another shot at Lewisburg in the first round of the District IV playoffs.

“For us, we just have to do a better job executing on our break-aways and corners when we face Lewisburg. We have the talent to beat them. It's just a matter of putting together our best game,” said senior captain Tesa Hoffman.

The Lady Seals start their title run against Lewisburg this Thursday at home starting at 4:30pm.

Cross Country on to Districts

By Angelo Martin

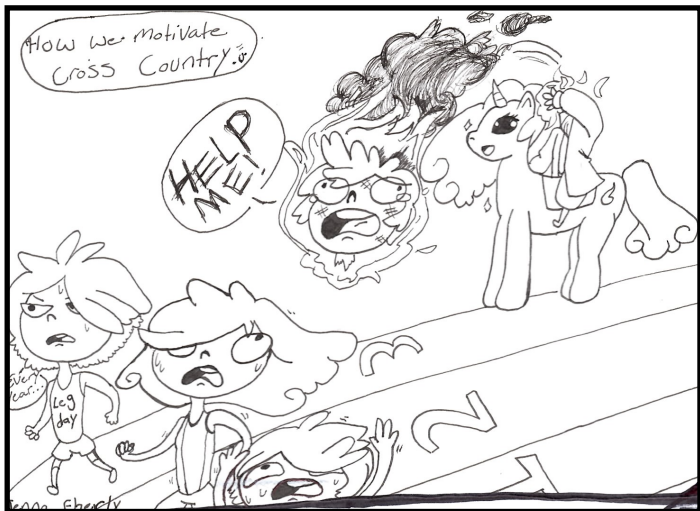
The Boys and Girls Cross Country teams wrapped up their regular season on October 20th. For the regular season, the boys team finished with a record of 12-7 while the girls team was 11-8 on the year.

For both teams, injuries plagued the Seals all season long. On the boys' side, standout senior and state contender Brody Beiler suffered a torn hip flexor injury which knocked him out for most of the season. For the girls, standout junior Ashley Blair's season came to an end due to a leg injury.

“Hip injuries are tough to recover from. Luckily, I have the springtime to compete in track and get my legs going again,” said Beiler.

Despite the key injuries, the Seals have still been able to put together a remarkable season. On the girls side, Brittany Carnathan and Skyler Mauer each set personal records. Carathan set a time of 19:48, while Mauer was able to get a personal best time of 20:13. Both girls were able to earn medals at the PHAC league meet, with Carnathan finishing with a 20:05, good for 6th place, and Mauer finishing with a 20:35, which turned out to be 14th place.

In the absence of Beiler, the boys' team has been able to get more runners much valuable varsity time experience. Top scorers for the Seals have been junior Brice Harro and sophomores Garrett Wolf and Ethan Jenkins. All three competitors have set personal records this year.



“It was incredibly disappointing to have to miss this year. Fortunately, I have a shot next year to compete and see if I can make it into the state competition,” said Blair.

With the regular season over, it will all come down to the District IV meet on Thursday, October 29th to determine if anyone can make it to the PIAA state meet in Hershey.

Tennis Finish with Bright Future Ahead

By Angelo Martin

The Selinsgrove Girls Tennis team wrapped up their season on October 10th after juniors Savanna Foor and Olivia Fravel competed in the individual singles competition at the District IV match.

While both were able to advance past the first round, both girls would fall in the second round of the District meet, thus ending the season.

“It was a great experience to be there and compete. While Olivia and I certainly hoped to do better, we were able to prove to ourselves we were capable of being on the same court as some of the best in the area,” said Foor.

Foor finished the regular season with a singles record of 10-5, while Fravel was 9-6 on the season. The number three singles player was sophomore Marlo Ptacin, who gained valuable varsity experience.

“We will definitely have a huge edge in the District with all of our varsity singles players returning,” said Foor.

As a team, Selinsgrove finished 7-8 in the regular season and 5-6 in the PHAC, which was good enough for 4th in the league. In addition to the return of Foor and Fravel next year, the Seals doubles team will also return juniors Sydney Reibschied and Isabel Bailey and sophomore Meredith Lemons.

“With the experience we have returning next year in doubles, we are really excited for the future,” said Foor.

Key wins late in the season came against Lewisburg, Danville, and Susquenita. Both Danville and Lewisburg were opponents the Seals had lost to earlier in the season, but they were able to avenge those losses as the season came to an end.

“It always feels good to end the season on a high note by beating league teams like Danville and Lewisburg,” said junior Sydney Reibschied.



Photo by Alexis Aument

Junior Isabel Bailey drops a perfect lob into her opponent's court

Lady Seals Soccer District Bound

By Dawson Klinger

On Thursday, October 8th, the Lady Seals soccer team defeated Williamsport by a score of 3-0, earning their ninth win and a District IV playoff berth behind the goals of sophomore Caitlyn Findlay, senior Lexie Williard, and junior Sam Rodkey.

The Lady Seals Soccer team finish the season 12-3-2 overall, and 9-3-2 in league play. Finishing the season with the record they currently have will bode well for them in playoff seeding, as well as their confidence going into Districts.

The Seals owe much of their success to Sam Rodkey, who leads the team in goals with 13 on the season. Freshman Lexy Hunselman and senior Lexie Williard have each added seven goals of their own and are second in goals behind Rodkey.

“Our key to success this year is we completely changed the way we played last year and years previous. Our game was the kick and run the ball down. This year we have a wide variety of goal scorers and talent all over the field and I think that's why we are so successful. We work well together as a unit and don't play as individuals,” explained Rodkey

Senior Erin Beaver has been a rock in the goal, leading the team to four shutouts and not more than three goals given up in a single game. Sophomore Courtnei Hamm has been an anchor on defense for the Lady Seals throughout the entire season.

The team's biggest competition going into Districts will be Montoursville, Danville, and Shikellamy, each of which they played very tight games with throughout the season.

The Lady Seals will begin their playoff run this Thursday night against Lewisburg.



Senior Lexi Williard gets aggressive against Milton

400 Wins and Counting for Boys Soccer

By Marley Sprenkel



On Tuesday October 20th, the Selinsgrove Boys Soccer team got their 400th win and also clinched their spot in the District IV playoffs with a 7-1 win over Montoursville.

The Seals owe much of their success sophomore goalkeeper Connor Vanzijl. Vanzijl has a save percentage of 90% and is averaging 5.9 saves per game. The number of opponent shots this year is 129, and Connor has saved 118 of those shots.

On the defensive side of the ball, seniors Andrew Hayes, junior Nathan Moyer and sophomore Tyler Klose have been impactful all season, leading Selinsgrove to seven shutouts.

The offense has been quite strong as well, with junior Dawson Klinger leading the team with 14 goals. Senior Jonah Markle has been important to Klinger's success by assisted him in five of his goals. Juniors Gavin Keller and Steven Pomykalski have also helped Klinger by assisting three goals each. Keller also is second on

the team in goals with seven.

Next to first year goalie Vanzijl, freshman Kolton Elsayed has stepped up huge for the Seals. He is tied for third on the team in goal scoring, putting four in the back of the net. Elsayed is not just scoring goals, but he is assisting others – he has three assists on the season.

"The senior group has really helped me adjust to the speed of the varsity game. Guys like Jonah Markle, Ben Kuhns, and Andrew Hayes have really pushed me in practice and helped get me into a starting position. I couldn't be more thankful to play alongside them," said Elsayed.

The Selinsgrove Boys Soccer team opened up their post-season against the Shikellamy Braves at Midd-West high school on Tuesday night at 7pm for the District 4 Class AA first-round match up.

Shikellamy had beaten Selinsgrove twice in the regular season, but it would not end for the Seals last night thanks to a flurry of offensive output by the Seals.

Goals were scored by juniors Leo Times and Gavin Keller as well as senior Jonah Markle giving the Seals a 3-0 lead.

The Braves would go on to score two goals; however, Van Zijl's stellar play in the net would preserve the win for the Seals.

The Seals now move on to play the top-seeded Lewisburg on Saturday at 4:30pm in Hepburnville.



Junior Dawson Klinger congratulates teammate Ben Kuhns after scoring against the Shikellamy Braves during the regular season.



**Good Luck
to all of the
Seals Teams
in the Playoffs**



ENTERTAINMENT

Student Profiles

Ben Watto: Senior, Male

What type of car would you want if you could have any car? *Audi R8.*

How much have you changed in the past two years? What is different now? *I learned a lot throughout high school and I now have a better idea for my future career.*

If you were going to open one of the chain restaurants in Selinsgrove which would it be? *Chick Fil A.*

Would you get a tattoo? If so, what would it be? *Mom with a heart around it.*

Do you have a nickname that you were called or are still called? *Skippy.*



Reed Messmore: Junior, Male

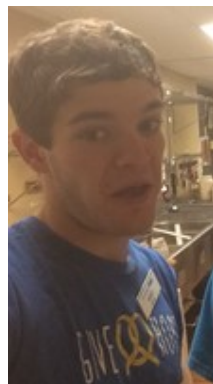
What type of car would you want if you could have any car? *A station wagon to make me feel at home.*

How much have you changed in the past two years? What is different now? *I have a beard now.*

If you were going to open one of the chain restaurants in Selinsgrove which would it be? *Just not Auntie Anne's.*

Would you get a tattoo? If so, what would it be? *Maggie Frymoyer*

Do you have a nickname that you were called or are still called? *Messi.*



Meredith Lemons: Sophomore, Female

What type of car would you want if you could have any car? *A convertible.*

How much have you changed in the past two years? What is different now? *Yes, I'm more relaxed and fun.*

If you were going to open one of the chain restaurants in Selinsgrove which would it be? *Chipotle.*

Would you get a tattoo? If so, what would it be? *Possibly, and if so it would be the name Gwendolyn, after my grandma.*

Do you have a nickname that you were called or are still called? *My family calls me mere, meregrace, and merebear.*



Anna Piecuch: Freshmen, Female

What type of car would you want if you could have any car? *When I was little, I've had the dream of owning a purple punch-buggy, but that dream has vanished. I'm into Ferraris now.*

How much have you changed in the past two years? What is different now? *I've matured incredibly, first of all. I mean, who hasn't? I feel that many of my friends have stuck by my side through thick and thin, which I'm very grateful for! I've met new people and had new experiences. Finally, I've learned how to balance work and play over the past few years.*

If you were going to open one of the chain restaurants in Selinsgrove which would it be? *Definitely not a pizza place. I'd bring a Chipotle to Selinsgrove, just what we all need.*

Would you get a tattoo? If so, what would it be? *I probably would get a tattoo someday if were not outrageous but it would need to be small and meaningful. A little flower for an important person in my life could serve a significant purpose behind my ear or on my ankle—a place that isn't necessarily eye-catching.*

-Do you have a nickname that you were called or are still called? *Unfortunately, yes. Pikachu is a common one I hear every now and then.*





My Turn by Isabel Bailey

This past Friday in school we had an assembly featuring a video which was themed “#BEAMAZIN” which included clips of those who had accomplished big goals, namely in the realm of sports.

One student excelled in football, another in archery, another in track, and some on the Robotics team. These individuals also did their homework and studied. While these students have made accomplishments in sports and clubs, I’m not sure what the purpose of highlighting them is doing for the rest of us.

These people have done well, and their accomplishments are admirable. However, I wonder if maybe we had watched the You Tube clip of Steve Jobs 2005 Commencement speech at Stanford University, students would leave feeling more inspired.

Having watched Steve Job’s 2005 commencement speech at Stanford University on You Tube, it’s evident that he makes an interesting case for someone who used, what could be seen as his failures, to enhance his career.

Born from a mother who was in grad school when she had him, he was adopted as a baby by parents who had both dropped out of high school and college. He was adopted on the terms that he would have to go to college. He picked Reed College, and dropped out after the first six months.

Looking back on it, he says that dropping out was the best thing that ever happened to him. He could then go to the classes he was interested in, and not the classes he had to take for required credits. He admitted that it wasn’t easy. He had to sleep in his friends’ dorms, collect coke bottles to pay for his lunch, and walk seven miles each Sunday to get a meal at the Hare Krishna Temple. He began to take a calligraphy class that he found fascinating, and used his knowledge of calligraphy to make the unique design of the Mac computer.

Steve Jobs explained, “You can’t connect the dots looking forward, you can only connect the dots looking backward. You have to trust that the dots will somehow connect in your future.” So, he built himself up, starting at age twenty, creating Apple with his partner in his garage, and ten years later he had turned Apple into a two-billion dollar company with four million employees.

His great success was met with getting fired. He had a falling out with one of his coworkers, and the

board sided with the other man. But Steve Jobs claimed that getting fired was for the best. He said, “The heaviness of being successful was replaced by the lightness of being a beginner again...I was free to enter one of the most creative periods of my life.”

During the post-getting-fired-stage, he created Pixar and NeXT. Apple bought NeXT, and therefore he was brought back in. He explained that none of it would have happened had he not been fired originally. He said what kept him going was that he had found what he loved. His advice: “You’ve got to find what you love. If you haven’t found it yet, keep looking and don’t settle.”

I left the “Be Amazing” assembly video on Friday feeling a little disappointed in myself, like maybe I needed to go become really good at something quickly or else. But when I watched Steve Jobs commencement speech the next morning I felt different. He had opened up the possibility for failure. He had suggested that we be foolish.

What? But yes, of course, this makes sense. Steve Jobs story is genuinely motivating in that he tells us to try new things, don’t settle, fail, and find what it is that you love. It feels liberating. He provides an outlet for success that doesn’t seem so impossible. He makes accomplishing goals sound more like fun and less like obligation.

His message could be that we can relax; we don’t have to be these amazing athletes, violinist, science whizzes, in tenth grade. We can grow up, and take the time to find op-

portunities, and connect the dots when we look back. What students would probably find most interesting about his message is that he says that finding what you love is the gateway to accomplishing what you want in life. But he reminds us that it will take time, and that through all our experiences we will find it. But once you’ve found what you love, success is inevitable.

Had we shown the school that video, I think students would have left feeling a little giddy with the possibility that they could approach success in any way they wanted to. The video “Be Amazing” leaves us looking back at we’ve already done, feeling like there isn’t much there. Steve Jobs advice of “Be Hungry, be Foolish” makes us feel like we have a step towards tomorrow.

Steve Jobs speech would motivate students to feel like their goals were still out there, and that even if they don’t know what they are yet, they will present themselves with time.



Click on Steve Job’s picture to link to his speech on YouTube